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Dear Examiner Marmor:

In response to the non-final office action mailed November 18, 2004, 2004, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 10, 2005 (2 pages);
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 10, 2005 (10 pages); and
- 3) Application Data Sheet (2 pages).

Very respectfully,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/708,711  
Applicant: : John S. Fisher  
Filed: : 03/19/2004  
Art Unit : 3736  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

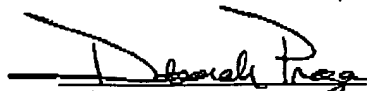
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(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3736, Attn: Mr. Charles Alan Marmor II, (703) 872-9302 on January 10 2005.

Dated: January 10, 2005

  
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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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**AMENDMENT A****Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 11/18/2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/18/2005, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.